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MEMORANDUM

From: Op-23F414
 To: Op-23C
 Subj: Interim and Post War Requirements of Naval Personnel for ONI.
 Ref: (a) Op-23C Memo, 3 April 1946.

1. In estimating the requirements for ONI personnel for the interim and post war periods, it is noted that provisions have not been made for Op-23F5, the new designation for the Navy's contribution to the Washington Document Center, a joint enterprise with MIS for the exploitation of Japanese documentary material now on hand and arriving daily from Japan.
2. Provisions have been made for integrating the Japanese translation work of ONI and PACMIRS of MIS with the Washington Document Center in order to reduce to some order the mass of material on hand and make it accessible to the State, War and Navy Departments and other government agencies. This will require language personnel in such numbers as to necessitate some modifications of ref.(a) if the job is to be done in an adequate manner. MIS have now moved PACMIRS into the Steuart Building in agreement with ONI and the process of implementing our plans for the exploitation of Japanese documents is getting underway. However, the Navy's contribution to the work is at the moment on a very short term basis so far as personnel is concerned.
3. We now have in Op-23F5 68 Japanese language officers, including 5 British Naval officers, 2 enlisted, 4 analysts and 4 civil service employees, and 2 non language officers, - a total of 87. The language officers are separating from the Service daily and only 8 officers have indicated an intention of transferring to the regular Navy or remaining on duty until 1 July 1947. Thus by 1 September we will have only eight officers certainly available to carry on this project plus such other language officers as may have indicated an intention of remaining in the Service in other areas and who may be available for duty in Washington.
4. The Army have an allowance for PACMIRS as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
U.S. Army	40 (25 translators)	99 (54 translators)
British Army	18 (All translators)	3
Canadian Army	9 " "	16 (9 translators)
Australian Army	1 translator	
	<u>68 (53 translators)</u>	<u>118 (63 translators)</u>

PACMIRS' contribution to the Washington Document Center is 186 officers and enlisted and includes 116 qualified Japanese translators. Col. Blunda, head of PACMIRS says that the foregoing numbers can be maintained until the end of 1946 and probably until 1 July 1947. He is prepared to replace uniformed personnel with qualified civilians to cover separations from the service.

5. It is not as yet certain how many Japanese language officers ONI can make available for WDC after 1 September. There will be, according to Capt. Hindmarsh, approximately 60 officers graduating from the School in Stillwater, Okla. in May and June, but no information is at hand as to how many of these officers have indicated a desire to remain a year or transfer to the regular service. There will be 7 officers transferred from the School in Boulder to Anacostia to finish their course in Japanese. These officers will graduate by 1 September and have signed a contract to remain in service for 18 months at the Navy's option. This group of 7 plus the 8 we now have here who have indicated a desire to remain on active duty will give us 15 officers with reasonable certainty. There will probably be some in Japan and in the fleet who will be willing to remain for a year. It is believed that a special effort should be made to get as many as possible to remain on duty until 1 July 1947 from those still on active duty and from the 60 who will graduate by 1 June 1946.

6. It is recommended that provision be made to add the following complement for Op-23F5 to ref.(a) as a transition allowance to complete an urgent project now in progress:

Officers 75, Enlisted 10, Civil Service 10,

It is not certain that we can secure the above number of officers qualified for WDC even if the number is authorized but we should have the above figure as a ceiling.

7. It is further recommended that if budgetary considerations will allow it, qualified civilian language personnel be authorized to enable ONI to maintain a level of 75 Japanese translators until 1 July 1947.

8. Although the above complement is less than the Army's contribution, it is believed that the ratio is reasonably equitable in view of a greater Army interest in much of the documentary material.

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